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Gage County Man Gets Life Sentence for Murder

(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that Richard A. Griswold, 44, of Gage County was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of 49-year-old Connie Eacret.

Griswold also received 50 years for using a firearm to commit a felony.

Eacret was shot in the kitchen of her Beatrice home on Nov. 17, 2007 and died later that day at a Lincoln hospital. Eacret and Griswold had been drinking the night before. Griswold shot Eacret in the right eye. Prosecutors believe Griswold killed Eacret over a love triangle.

“Mr. Griswold intended to kill Ms. Eacret,” said Bruning. “He took away her life and now he can spend the rest of his behind bars.”

On May 22, a Gage County jury found Griswold guilty of second-degree murder and use of a firearm to commit a felony in the shooting death.

Second-degree murder is a class IB felony. Use of a firearm to commit a felony is a class II felony. Both sentences will run consecutively.

Assistant Attorney General Doug Warner and Gage County Attorney Randall Ritnour handled the case.

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